Nova Scotia

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ending
December 31, 1986

Environmental Control Council

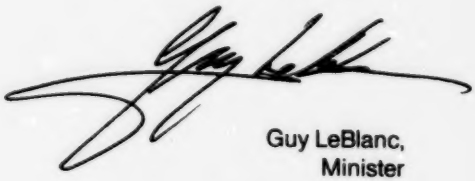
To His Honour
The Honourable Alan R. Abraham, C.D.
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

May it please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Environmental Control Council for the year ending December 31, 1986.

I have the honour to be, Sir:

Your most obedient servant,



Guy LeBlanc,
Minister

Honourable Guy LeBlanc
Minister
Department of the Environment
Province of Nova Scotia

Dear Sir:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Environmental Control Council for the year ending December 31, 1986.

Respectfully yours,

Morris J. Haugg,
Chairman

INTRODUCTION

The Nova Scotia Environmental Control Council is a citizens advisory board to the Minister of the Environment of 12 to 15 members. The Council was established under the Environmental Protection Act, SNS 1973 C.6.

This Annual Report is submitted under Section 16 of the Environmental Protection Act and describes Council activities during the 1986 calendar year.

STRUCTURE

The Environmental Protection Act sets out the composition, function, and responsibilities of the Environmental Control Council. The 12 to 15 members are appointed by the Governor-in-Council to represent 11 specified disciplines. In addition, Council members are expected to reflect — insofar as possible — the concerns of their geographic communities during Council deliberations.

The Deputy Minister of the Environment is an ex-officio member of Council.

Membership of the Council during 1986 was as follows:

Executive Members

Morris J. Haugg, Amherst — Chairman and Member-at-Large
Paul Buxton, Annapolis Royal — Engineering

Members

Harry Munro, New Glasgow — Legal
David R. Roberts, Bedford — Conservation
Douglas Hale, Waterville, Kings County — Academic
Richard Rawlins, Hantsport — Forestry
Sylvia Lawton, Dartmouth — Member-at-Large
Harry Cook, Bridgewater — Municipal
Stephen Craig, Lower Sackville — Industry
David MacGibbon, New Waterford — Member-at-Large
Ron Durling, Bridgewater — Medicine
Alex Hines, New Waterford — Labour
Rodney Banks, Kingston — Agriculture
Gabriel d'Entremont, Lower West Pubnico — Fishery

Deputy Minister Arthur H. Abbott is an ex-officio member, attending both Executive and Council meetings. James MacDonald, Sydney, is Secretary and Chief Executive Officer. Staff support for program development and office services is provided by the Department.

The Council will miss Donna McCready, Research Coordinator, who left the Department of the Environment in November, 1986. Her support and expertise was appreciated. There were no other changes in the Council during 1986. At year's end there were two vacancies; one Executive member and one Council member.

Throughout the year the Council enjoyed good relations with the Department and the Minister, the Honourable Guy LeBlanc. He attended the September and December Executive meetings.

MEETINGS

The Council held two meetings in 1986, all in Halifax. The Executive met ten times, and met immediately prior to each Council meeting. In addition, members of the Executive met in connection with the Ministerial Task Force on Hazardous Wastes, the activities of which are described elsewhere in this Report.

The schedule of meetings was as follows:

Executive

February 5	Halifax
March 4-5	Halifax
April 22	Halifax
April 29	Halifax
May 13	Halifax
July 14	Halifax
October 6	Halifax
October 20	Halifax
November 8	Halifax
December 9	Halifax

Council

March 4-5	Halifax
November 8-9	Halifax

Other than regular Council and Executive meetings, the Council attended the following:

World Commission on Environment and Development, Halifax, May 31, 1986.

The World Commission was created to review the global environment and development issues in order to make practical recommendations for action. The Halifax seminar, hosted by Environment Minister Guy J. LeBlanc was part of a Canadian tour by the Commission.

The seminar considered consultative mechanisms for development and environmental decision making.

Meetings with the Minister, September 17 and December 9.

The Executive met with the Minister to review Council activities and forward resolutions and recommendations from the Council.

ACTIVITIES AND STUDIES

Ministerial Task Force on Hazardous Wastes

After the completion of phase I of their report in 1985, the Hazardous Waste Task Force was instructed by the Minister to develop a comprehensive plan to manage dangerous goods and hazardous wastes in Nova Scotia.

In order to reflect the concerns of all Nova Scotians, the Task Force felt that public consultation was essential.

Between September and December of 1986 they received 107 written and oral submissions during public sessions held in 10 locations throughout the province.

Recommendations from this public input will be presented to the Minister in 1987.

The Council was represented on the Task Force by Executive Member Paul Buxton and Executive Secretary James MacDonald.

Environmental Awards — 1985

The eighth annual Environmental Awards were presented by the Minister in March. Premier John Buchanan attended the presentation ceremony and congratulated the recipients.

Awards were presented to:

Youth —	Cornwallis District High School, Canning — for their construction of a school park.
Certificate of Merit —	Parish of French Village Youth Group, Boutilier's Point.
Individual —	Clyde Corbett, Liverpool.

Certificates of Merit —	Winston Langille, Truro. Jerome Boutilier, Annapolis County.
Citizen Organization —	Tamgoo 4-wheel Drive Club, Truro, for their protection of a watercourse.
Certificate of Merit —	Nova Scotia Bird Society, with special recognition to Peter and Linda Payzant, Waverley, for the Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas.
Professional	Editorial Team, CBC Inquiry, Halifax, for a 1/2 hour segment on PCB's.
Certificate of Merit —	Ralph Johnson, Liverpool.
Education —	Argyle School, Glenwood, for clean-up and beautification project.
	Bob LeBlanc, Halifax, for development of "Catalyst for Learning" education unit.
Certificates of Merit —	Biology Teachers, Riverview Rural High School, Coxheath.
Government —	Engineering Department, City of Dartmouth, for a stormwater retention pond and park in Woodlawn.
Certificates of Merit —	Park and Grounds Staff, City of Halifax. Eldon Pace, Supervisor, Provincial Wildlife Parks, Shubenacadie.

Environmental Awards — 1986

Nominations were requested by December 1, 1986. A final review by the selection committee will be conducted in January, and Awards will be presented in March.

Local Issues

Individual Council members are requested to report at each meeting on environmental questions related to their discipline or region. During 1986, the questions about the impact of the following were forwarded to the department:

Toxic rain and Acidic Precipitation
Clean Community Recognition Week
Nova Scotia Power Corporation PCB Decontamination — public information
Hazardous Waste Disposal
Environmental and Economy

Ministerial Orders

During the year, the Council received and acknowledged copies of the following Orders:

Permit/Order — Rio Algom Ltd., Yarmouth County, April 10, 1986.
Compliance Order — Maple Leaf Farm Supplies, Canning, Kings County, June 2, 1986.
Compliance Order — Allister MacDonald, North Lake, Antigonish County, August 1986.
Compliance Order — Lambertus Peters Piggery, Upper Dyke, Kings County, August 11, 1986.
Compliance Order — Wedgeport Enterprises, Short Beach, Yarmouth County, August 12, 1986.
Stop Order — Colin R. MacDonald Limited, Toney River, Pictou County, August 15, 1986.
Compliance Order — Scotia Marine Products 1983 Limited, Woods Harbour, Shelburne County, August 15, 1986.
Compliance Order — Mr. and Mrs. James Legges, Duncan Cove, Halifax County, September 23, 1986.
Stop Order — John E. Silver, Cow Bay, Halifax County, September 23, 1987.
Compliance Order — Town of Windsor, Hants County, October 24, 1986.

Environmental Impact Assessment

It was agreed that there was a need for an environmental assessment process with a public consultation component.

Howard Windsor of the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment has reviewed the descriptive request for legislation on environmental impact assessment. It has been proposed for the spring 1987 session of the Legislature.

ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MINISTER

Education

The Essay Competition slated for junior high schools will be introduced in the fall term of 1987.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Derelict Vehicles/Litter

On recommendation of the Minister, the Council considered the topic of litter, including derelict vehicles and beverage containers.

Dennis Ryan of the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment reported that some work had been done on the development of a resource recovery/recycling proposal and the Soft Drink Association and other groups had been consulted.

The activities of the Land Resources Coordinating Council to establish an independent body as a permanent litter/waste control organization were reviewed.